

7/amdt B
CS
8/31/02

Applicant : Schachar NADLER
Appl. No : 09/664,705
Filed : September 19, 2000
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING TRACE
CONSTITUENTS IN ATMOSPHERIC GASES, UTILIZING A LASER
BEAM

Grp./A.U. : 2877
Examiner : Richard Rosenberger

Docket No. : 8389-013

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C
20231

August 23, 2002

FAX COPY RECEIVED

AMENDMENT

AUG 23 2002

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

Sir:

In response to the office action of February 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 21, 38, and 45 as follows:

21. (Amended) An apparatus for monitoring selected trace constituents in exhaust gases, the apparatus comprising:

- 21
22
B1
- (a) a laser tuneable over a range of frequencies for generating a laser beam;
 - (b) control means to control the frequency of the laser to scan rapidly across an absorption range encompassing an absorption line of a selected trace constituent of interest;
 - (c) transmission means to transmit the laser beam through the exhaust gas;
 - (d) detection means for detecting the laser beam after transmission through the exhaust gas; and
 - (e) processing means for providing the concentration of the selected trace constituent by comparing the detected laser beam to the transmitted laser beam.